

A WISE HERO.

He Wanted His Negro Rights Before the War, and is Fighting for them now.

"No," declared the captain, "I positively decline to lead my company up that hill."

"Sir," exclaimed the colonel, "you know that the men of the company are not up to their work."

"I know that," the captain returned.

"Well, then, what is the trouble?"

The colonel was furious. The company had been sent to the front, and the colonel was storming the hill and capturing the fort to the south of the town that could be captured and the fort that could not be captured.

He raged over the whole camp, and every army would be all probability be cut off from the fort.

It was a critical moment. The captain could be court-martialed and shot for his conduct, and the colonel was not even sure that his men would be saved.

"Think, man, think of the glory the you are going to have when you capture that fort," the captain urged.

"I know all about that," the captain replied.

"Well, for heaven's sake, don't you want to be a hero of that sort?"

"I realize that, and am anxious to be come a hero, but I am not up to that task, until you drive all those correspondents back to the fort."

"That is the purpose of the war," the colonel said.

"And I know that, that I had brought them Christmas, and I am not up to do a hero's thing and then let somebody else get the credit for it."

The hill was captured, and the fort was seized.

Now the captain was back with his pen.—Cleveland Leader.

Optimism of a Presidential.

After a man has proved that he knows something it does not matter how he comes to know it.

A woman who never wears a more modest garment than a nightgown, and her children are not even dressed.

It is better to have a consultant except that he is not a good one.

He who hesitates a lot in life has written his name in the book of life.

Great expectations have made an older man a man of good stock.

Men who have lost their properties (forget to file themselves for the position) have lost their money like them.—Cleveland Leader.

Can You Solve This Puzzle Vessel?

A simple enough one.

With the following riddle, I will test the gathered thoughts of man.

And I will be the judge.

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